Renovation and Modernisation of Thermal and Hydro Power Stations in Andhra Pradesh

3524. Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corportion Ltd. is renovating and modernizing the existing thermal and hydor power generating stations in the State; and

(b) if so, what technical and financial assistance is being extended by the Union Government to the corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal for Renovation and Modernization (R&M) of Thermal Power Stations as well as Hydro Power Plants of Andhra Pradesh Generation Corporation (APGENCO) receeived in Central Electricity Authority (CEA), are appraised by them and then sent with their recommendations to Power Finance Corporation (PFC) for funding. PFC have provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 229.21 crores upto 31-3-2003 for 26 schemes of APGENCO for R&M of Thermal and Hydro Power Stations.

Import of Power from Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Pakistan

3525. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import power from Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the present status of Bilateral Arrangements made with each of these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA : (a) and (b) **India-Nepal:** Exchange of power between India and Nepal is taking place through low voltage interconnections with the bordering States of India i.e. Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at various points to feed the contiguous areas across the borders of the both the countries under the Indo-Nepal Power Exchange Agreement between the two countries.

India-Bhutan : India is importing power from Chukha Hydro Project (336 MW) and Kurichu Hydro Project (60 MW) under the agreements signed between Power Trading Corporation (earlier through Power Grid Corporation of India in